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SUBJECT: SUDDEN DEPARTURE FROM LONDON OF FEDERAL
MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BAKKE

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1. CHAIRMAN BAKKE AND HIS ASSISTANT, NATHAN BAYER, ARRIVED LONDON DEC. 12 AND CHECKED INTO CONNAUGHT HOTEL WHERE THEY HAD RESERVATIONS FOR TWO DAY STAY TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM OF VISITS WITH BRITISH SHIPPING OFFICIALS GIVEN REFTEL. WHEN THEY DID NOT ARRIVE FOR FIRST APPOINTMENT AT UK DEPT. OF TRADE, EMBASSY RECHECKED HOTEL AND FOUND THEY HAD CHECKED OUT AT 0745 A.M. DEC. 13. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY ASCERTAINED THAT THEY HAD BOOKED TO FLY TO WASHINGTON ON PANAM FLIGHT 107 LEAVING LONDON AT 1205 P.M., DEC. 13. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THEM PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. EMBASSY CANCELLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS WITH LANCHIN AT DEPT. OF TRADE, EARL INCHCOPE AND FARTHING AT GENERAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH SHIPPING AND FOR DINNER PARTY OF PAYNE AND ROSS-BELL OF CENSA. SINCE EMBASSY RECEIVED NO MESSAGE FROM BAKKE OR BAYER AS TO REASONS FOR SUDDEN DEPARTURE, UNABLE TO GIVE EXPLANATION TO BRITISH HOSTS.

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